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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the interest of reducing PTO filing fees, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3-8 and 10 as follows:

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3. (Amended) The formulation according to Claim 1, in which the porous, spherical calcium carbonate has a particle diameter in the substantial range of 18-115 μm .

4. (Amended) The formulation according to Claim 1, in which the porous, spherical calcium carbonate has a particle diameter in the substantial range of 20-32 μm .

5. (Amended) The formulation according to Claim 1, in which the porous, spherical calcium carbonate has a particle diameter in the substantial range of 20-32 μm , and a median particle diameter of 22 μm or greater and less than 30 μm .